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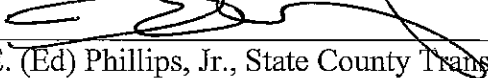
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Transportation Director

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MEMORANDUM 2009-10

TO: County Engineers

CC: Division Engineers and Division County Transportation Engineers

FROM: 
D.E. (Ed) Phillips, Jr., State County Transportation Engineer

REFERENCE: Project Prioritization

This office has received a tremendous influx of initiated projects, assumedly as a result of the ARRA "stimulus" package and the prospect of additional funding for county projects. It is apparent that current regular Federal Aid and ARRA funds allocated to the counties will fund only a small fraction of the project recently initiated. This office is committed to do everything in its power to ensure that every project to utilize ARRA funding is ready for FHWA authorization prior to the March 2, 2010 deadline. However, to accomplish this, our office will need to know which project(s) will be funded with each county's \$265,000 portion of the ARRA funds. We do not want a project(s) to be funded with the county's \$265,000 portion of ARRA funds to be delayed due to the fact that we are working on other projects that currently do not have a source of funding.

Therefore, every county is required to submit a prioritization list containing every project currently initiated or subsequently initiated in this office that has yet to be let to contract. This list is to be broken down into three categories. The first category is for projects to be funded with a portion of the county's \$265,000 apportionment of ARRA funds, the second category is for projects to be funded with the county's regular Federal Aid apportionment, and the third list is for projects with no funding source currently available. We realize that many projects may combine ARRA funding and regular Federal Aid funding. Please identify these projects within the first category. Furthermore, projects within each category should be prioritized as well.

This office will give processing priority to projects in the first category first (since we have a March 2, 2010 deadline for authorizing ARRA funds), projects in the second category second (since we can carry over regular Federal Aid funds), and projects in the third category last. Should additional ARRA funds become available, we will ask each county to identify projects in the third category that they wish to fund with these additional ARRA funds.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments concerning this matter.

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